



Suggested Set-Aside Language

At least 20 percent of each round of funding shall be prioritized for projects that target economically disadvantaged communities (EDC). Projects seeking the EDC prioritized funds must show that the planning to be funded would be primarily or substantially within the geographic boundaries of an EDC. An EDC may be a community or neighborhood within a city or county. To the extent appropriate, applications for funding from the set-aside should be integrated and coordinated with the entity's application under the main program, if any.

Proposed Evaluation Questions

1. How will the proposed project benefit residents within the EDC.
2. What indicators will be used to measure benefits to the EDC.
3. How does the propose project remove barriers to sustainability within the community.

Examples of planning projects that might be funded under a EDC set aside:

- A general plan update or other planning document that is aimed at removing barriers to infill development and investment in low-income unincorporated island communities. The plan might study the existence of unincorporated island communities within a city's boundaries, evaluate the infrastructure deficits that exist, and identify other barriers to investment in these communities—and then set-forth a strategy for addressing those deficits.
- Adoption of a plan that looks at the link between housing, jobs and transit in lower-income neighborhoods, with the goal of improving access to transit for lower-income workers and thereby reducing VMT.
- A comprehensive review of zoning and land uses within a jurisdiction to evaluate and develop strategies for increasing densities, and developing other incentives that facilitate affordable housing for lower-income households, to help meet SCS and housing element goals.